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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER AFTER MEETING
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER
BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD ACTION IMMEDIATE
1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE EXCHANGES WITH NEWSMEN
MADE SEPTEMBER 24 IN NEW YORK BY ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER
ALLON AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY:

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I REVIEWED
THE WHOLE RANGE OF U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIPS IN A VERY
FRIENDLY AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE.

WE DISCUSSED THE STATE OF THE DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST,
AND THE STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TOWARDS PROGRESS TOWARDS
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAD A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE
POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND THE APPROACHES THAT
ARE OPEN. I THINK WE AGREE ON THE DESIRABILITY OF MAKING
PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WE WILL NOW
HAVE TO SEE WHAT DEVELOPS.

QUESTION: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, DOES ISRAEL SUPPORT
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVE FOR A MULTILATERAL
CONFERENCE?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: WELL, WE DISCUSSED THIS
SUGGESTION. I THINK IT IS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE WHAT SORT
OF MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE CAN TAKE PLACE, BUT IT OPENS UP
SOME NEW OPTIONS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN DUE COURSE.

QUESTION: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST
TIME SURELY THAT YOU HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: NO, WE HEARD IT BEFORE, BUT EVEN
THIS -- SINCE IT OPENS UP A VARIETY OF POSSIBILITIES, WE
HAVE TO FIND OUT FIRST WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES, BECAUSE
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IT ISN'T ONLY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OR THE SOVIET
UNION OR ISRAEL. WE HAVE TO DECIDE ON SOME OTHER PARTNERS
TO SUCH AN ENTERPRISE.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE NEXT STEP, MR. MINISTER?
NEXT NEGOTIATING STEP?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: WELL, FIRST WE HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH
THE FIRST STEP. WE JUST SIGNED THE MILITARY PROTOCOL IN
GENEVA. WE ON OUR PART INITIALED IT, UNTIL CONGRESS WILL
APPROVE THE AMERICAN PRESENCE OF THE TECHNICIANS IN THE
PASSES. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE APPROVED CERY SOON, SO
THE AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO EFFECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THEN WE HAVE TO IMPLEMENT IT, WHICH WILL TAKE ANOTHER FEW

MONTHS, AND SO ON. BUT, BY AND LARGE, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POLITICAL MOMENTUM KEPT ALIVE, BECAUSE WE DON'T THINK THAT THIS WAS THE LAST STEP. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS PEACE, AND SOME FURTHER STEPS ARE NEEDED.

QUESTION: DO YOU SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH DR. KISSINGER WITH SYRIA BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: WELL, I CAN'T FIX ANY DATES BECAUSE I CAN'T SPEAK ON BEHALF OF SYRIA, BUT AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED, WE ARE READY AND WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH SYRIA ACCORDING TO RESOLUTION 338 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS.

QUESTION: MR. MINISTER, A CLARIFICATION, PLEASE? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH SYRIA FOR A LIMITED AGREEMENT?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: I SAID WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SYRIANS HAVE IN MIND, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE AGREEMENT -- IF ONLY POSSIBLE -- BECAUSE THIS IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF OURS.

QUESTION: THANK YOU. SISCO

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